



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Willie
4 Jewel Jackson-Hill of Chicago on May 5, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hill was born November 23, 1918, in
6 Birmingham, Alabama, the son of Sarah Arline Jackson and Willie
7 Jackson; his mother later married Willie Hill; his mother was
8 an evangelist and instilled in him his religious beliefs; and

9 WHEREAS, He received his formal education in Birmingham,
10 Alabama, and Chicago; he furthered his education in the study
11 of electricity; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1983, he married Emma Jean "Lil" Brandon in
13 Chicago; to this union, he lovingly embraced five
14 step-children; "Lil" was very strong in politics and that was
15 the beginning of his political interest; he became secretary of
16 his union at U.S. Steel; and

17 WHEREAS, He was employed as a police officer with the City
18 of Chicago; after leaving the police department, he was
19 employed by U.S. Steel until he retired; he re-entered the
20 workforce as a security guard for the City of Chicago and then
21 for A.R. Security; and

22 WHEREAS, He was a very determined and interesting man who
23 lived his life to its fullest; he loved traveling and also
24 loved fishing, family gatherings, and politics; he was fondly
25 referred to as "Sugarman", "Bill", or "Ghost" by his family,
26 friends, and co-workers; and

27 WHEREAS, He worked with and was known by many politicians
28 such as NewHouser, Judge Medford, Brookins, Stroger, Niles
29 Sherman, Dorothy Tillman, Barack Obama, the late Harold

1 Washington, Monique D. Davis, and many others; and

2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and his
3 stepson, Franklin D. Brandon; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of Willie Hill is felt by all who knew
5 and loved him, especially his wife, Emma; his children,
6 Wonzolyn (Leonard) Henderson, Cylvia Brandon Grigsby,
7 Lawerencre D. Brandon, and Elick B. Brandon; his grandchildren,
8 Kisa McDonald, Lequesha Brandon, Robert Grigsby, Pnina
9 Brandon-Cannon, Elecka Brandon, Frankie Brandon, Dante
10 Henderson, and Hiramabiff Brandon; his great-grandchildren,
11 Kennedy J. Clay and Noah and Nolan Cannon; his first cousins,
12 Laverne Brown and Ancel J. Rogers; and a host of other
13 relatives and friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Willie Jewel Jackson-Hill and extend to
17 his family and friends our thoughts and prayers during this
18 difficult time; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
21 sympathy.